



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Rouquier *et al.*  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/747,155 EXAMINER : Michael T. Brannock, Ph.D.  
FILING DATE : December 21, 2000 ART UNIT : 1646  
FOR : NOVEL PEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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Commissioner of Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

- Amendment and Response to Final Office Action (11 pgs.);
- Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 pg.);
- Check No. 19412 in the amount of \$980.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3);
- Check No. 19413 in the amount of \$790.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e); and
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Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/747,155. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request; 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is an Amendment and Response to the April 1, 2004 Final Office Action. With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, Applicants believe that the Amendment and Response to the April 1, 2004 Final Office Action should be entered and considered.

Applicants believe no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19904-008.

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